



TREE CARE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Water	*	*	*	**	**	**	**	**	**	*	*	*
Mulch			*	*					*	*		
Weed Control			*	*	**	**	**	**	**	*		
Inspect	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

* normal maintenance ** increased maintenance

Watering

- Ninety-nine percent of water taken up by tree roots evaporates from the leaves.
- Water trees 10 gallons per trunk diameter inch (measured at 6 inches above ground) per week unless rainfall has been sufficient or equivalent to one inch.
- Water should be applied at a rate of about a gallon per minute to reduce runoff.
- To test the effectiveness of watering, Dig a hole about 6 to 8 inches deep on the outside edge of the mulch ring. If soil sticks together and forms a ball or ribbon, soil moisture is adequate. If dry, additional water is necessary.
- Water stress in trees can be caused by lack of water or excessive watering. Symptoms include wilting, leaf drop and drying/browning of the foliage especially at leaf edges.

Mulching

- Apply mulch to tree beds to achieve a six foot diameter circle that is three inches deep.
- Do not place mulch against the trunk of the tree, leave about a fist width between the trunk and the start of the mulch ring. The mulch ring should resemble a donut shape with the tree in the center.
- A mulch layer will help to conserve soil moisture around the tree roots.

Weed Control

- Weeds should be removed from the mulched area around the tree.
- Excessive weeds compete with the tree for available water.
- Weeds should be removed by hand.
- Herbicides are **NOT** to be used for weed control on newly planted trees.

Inspections

- Inspect trees regularly for insects, disease, physical and environmental damage.
- Refer to the document links for help with common tree insects and disease.
- If any of the above problems are present contact the NeighborWoods Coordinator.

◆ **For additional help with tree care maintenance see the instructional videos and documents.**